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FOR AMB. ANDERSON FROM S/PRS - FUNSETH

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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF ACTING SPOKESMAN FUNSETH'S REPLIES
TO QUESTIONS AT DAILY BRIEFING, AUGUST 25:

1. PATHER LAO LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER IN VIENTIANE --
THE FACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THIS REPORTED EVENT HAS
BEEN PART OF THAT ON-GOING PROCESS, IN WHICH THE PATHET
LAO HAS BEEN ASSUMING CONTROL OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IMPACT THIS
WILL HAVE ON THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. OBVIOUSLY, IT IS
ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE CONTINUALLY GROWING DOMINANCE OF
THE COUNTRY BY THE PATHET LAO. OUR RELATIONS CONTINUE
AT THEIR CURRENT MODEST LEVEL.

2. REP. HOLTZMAN'S LETTER RE OUR LACK OF ZEAL IN SEEKING
RECORDS OF ALLEGED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS LIVING IN U.S. --
WE HAD WRITTEN EARLIER TO CONGRESSWOMAN HOLTZMAN AND OTHERS
THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT INFORMATION ON ABOUT FIFTY CASES
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FROM THE BERLIN DOCUMENTS CENTER AND FROM THE GOVERNMENT

OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. WE HAVE COMPLETED OUR
CHECK WITH THE BERLIN DOCUMENTS CENTER. WE ARE WAITING A
REPLY FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

3. REPORTS THAT SECRETARY WILL STOP OVER IN MADRID ON
RETURN -- WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH PLAN.

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